

## Next steps!

If you want to find out more about our GCSE Textiles Technology course then you can visit our website at [www.edexcel.com/gcse2009](http://www.edexcel.com/gcse2009)

You should also talk to the Head of Design and Technology/Textiles Technology at your school who will be able to describe the course in detail and advise you of what you need to do next when it comes to your options.

### Textiles Question:

Which synthetic fibre is known for its exceptional elasticity?

### Textiles Answer:

(b) Spandex (Lycra)

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# Edexcel GCSE Design and Technology: Textiles



## STUDENT GUIDE

### Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- investigating textiles
- thinking creatively
- problem solving
- designing textile products of the future
- making products
- using/wearing and testing your ideas

then our GCSE in Textiles Technology is the ideal subject for you!

## What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

Throughout Key Stage 3 you will have produced a wide range of exciting projects in Design and Technology, including graphics, textiles, food, electronics and resistant materials technology. If you particularly enjoy the creative side of design and technology then you now have the opportunity to follow our two-year GCSE course to specialise in Textiles Technology.

## What will I learn?

GCSE Textiles Technology covers a wide range of topics including sports fashion, natural forms, morphing product, child's play and sustainability. Over the two years of the course you will develop a whole range of creative designing and making skills, technical knowledge and understanding relating to textiles products and invaluable transferable skills such as problem solving and time management.

### Textiles Question:

Which synthetic fibre is known for its exceptional elasticity?

- (a) Kevlar
- (b) Spandex (Lycra)
- (c) Cotton
- (d) Viscose

## How will I be assessed?

Unit 1	Unit 2
Creative Design and Make Activities	Knowledge and Understanding of Textiles Technology
Coursework 60%	Examination 40%
You will have the option of completing your coursework unit in two different ways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Through a combined design and make activity where you design a product and then make a model of it.</li><li>• Through separate design and make activities where you design one product and make another.</li></ul>	The examination will be based on a structured exam paper which your teacher will be able to guide you through. Everything that you need to learn for this unit is set out in the specification so your teacher will know exactly how to prepare you for the exam.

## What can I do after I've completed the course?

Many of the students who enjoyed studying GCSE Textiles Technology have gone on to study A Level Product Design: Textiles. You can also study any Design and Technology related course post-16.

Textiles Technology students usually study one or more of the creative subjects including:

- A Level Art and Design, Media and/or Film
- BTEC National Diplomas in Art and Design or Media
- the 14-19 Diploma in Creative and Media or the 14-19 Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment.

If post-16 is not for you, employers will value the GCSE Textiles Technology qualification as it develops creative, technical and transferable skills.